

December 14, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman  
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05-311.

I strenuously object to the FCC proposal to cut or eliminate funding for community cable TV stations. These stations are a robust presence in many communities and provide an important (and sometimes only) link to local government, local news, and important bulletins and information. They also allow residents the opportunity to view a variety of locally created programming such as school sports, theatre and music. These stations also provide local students interested in TV production access to equipment and the chance for valuable hands-on learning. For the vast majority of citizens, these stations are the only opportunity they have to reach out to interact with their communities and, with local newspapers closing, almost the only connection they have to local activities.

Funding cuts would likely doom a great many of these stations to closure, depriving citizens of this rich source of entertainment and information.

I urge the committee to retain funding for community stations.

Sincerely,



Joanne Lyons